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Media Release

2,454 NEW TOOLKITS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Sharon Grierson today visited San Clemente High School and Francis Greenway High School, announcing that 2,454 new computers will be provided to 14 Newcastle secondary schools as part of the Federal Government's *National Secondary School Computer Fund*.

The computers are being provided as part of Round One of the fund which is aimed at bringing those schools most in need up to the target ratio of 1 computer to every 2 students in years 9-12.

"Computers are the toolkits of the 21st Century," Ms Grierson said.

"These 2,454 computers are the practical dividends for Newcastle schools of the Government's Education Revolution," Ms Grierson said.

"Teachers and students will be able to see the real benefits of the Rudd Government's renewed investment in education."

"Newcastle's schools have long led the way in innovative approaches to education, and these computers will give our schools the necessary tools to continue in that tradition."

"Students in Newcastle will have unprecedented access to computer literate learning in vibrant educational environments."

"This is the first instalment of the Australian Government's \$1.1 billion *National Secondary School Computer Fund* initiative."

"The provision of equipment through the Computer Fund, together with the broader Digital Education Revolution initiatives such as high speed broadband connections, will help schools produce students who are better equipped for the 21st Century."

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